

Arjuna's Despondency—

ARJUNA said:

Seeing these my kinsmen arrayed, O
Krishna, eager to
fight,—(i. 28.)

29. My limbs fail and my mouth is
parched, my body
quivers and my hair stands on end,—(i.
29.)

30. Gan<Jiva slips from my hand, and
my skin burns
all over, I am not able to stand,
and my mind seems
whirling.—(i. 30.)

31. And I see adverse omens,
OiKeshava. Nor do I
foresee any advantage from slaying
kinsmen in battle.—
(i. 31.)

32. For I desire not victory, O
Krishna, nor kingdom,
nor pleasures; what is kingdom to us,
O Govinda, what
enjoyment, or even life ?—(i. 32.)

33. Those for whose sake we desire
kingdom, enjoy*
ments and pleasures, they stand here
in battle, abandoning
life and riches.—(i. 33.)

34. Teachers, fathers, sons, as
well as grandfathers,
mother's brothers, fathers-in-law,
grandsons, brothers-in-
law, and other relatives.—(i. 34.)

35. These I do not wish to kill,
though (myself) slain*
O Madhusudana, even for the sake of
the kingship of the
three worlds ; how then for earth ?—(i.
35.)

36. Slaying these sons of
Dhritarashtra, what pleasure
may be ours, O Janardana? Killing
these felons sin will
but take hold of us.—(i. 36.)

37. Therefore we should not kill the
sons of Dhritarash-
^ra, our relatives; for how, killing our
kinsmen, may we be
happy, O Madhava ?—(i. 37.)

38. Although these, with intelligence
overpowered by
greed, see no guilt in the destruction of
a family, no crime

in hostility to friends.—(i. 38.)